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Certificate Course on Management and Leadership for Heads of Guidance and Discipline Teams
of **Primary Schools** (2024/25)
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PROGRAMME OUTLINE

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Course Aims and Objectives

Certificate Course on Management and Leadership for Heads of Guidance and Discipline Teams of Primary Schools is a teacher training course commissioned by the Education Bureau (EDB). The course aim and objectives are:

1. To help teachers understand more theories of Guidance and Discipline and to develop their vision and mission to integrate Guidance and Discipline services in the school system;
2. To equip teachers with the necessary leadership and management skills to develop their competency in the delivery of Guidance and Discipline services, especially in times of crisis; and
3. To develop teachers the capacity on case management and group work and to collaborate with multi-disciplinary professionals.

Course Content

The Course will comprise the following five modules with a total of 48 contact hours:

Module 1: Overview of Theories related to Management and Leadership of Guidance and Discipline Teams (12 hours)

1. Personal development of team leaders of guidance and discipline service
 - i) the characteristics, identity and integrity of team leaders and the vision of change;
 - ii) the ability to reflect and learn from experiences and crises; and
 - iii) the ability to relate and connect.
2. Contemporary theories and latest development on school discipline
 - i) major theoretical approaches to school discipline, intervention strategies for handling discipline problems and techniques for creating a harmonious learning environment; and
 - ii) important concepts, issues, and theories that inform current mainstream psychotherapy and counselling practice, and the application of these theories in a Hong Kong school setting.
3. Management skills practice for team leaders of guidance and discipline service
 - i) staffing and work management;
 - ii) organization strategies to integrate or connect the guidance and discipline service;
 - iii) managing administrative work in school;
 - iv) winning trust and confidence from different stakeholders, including principal and senior teachers, panel heads, subject teachers and parents; and
 - v) coping skills for teachers to manage stress and time.
4. Effective leadership skills practice for team leaders of guidance and discipline service
 - i) global school leadership models such as instructional leadership, transformational leadership, moral leadership, participative leadership; managerial leadership, contingent leadership, team leadership, transformational leadership and servant

- leadership;
- ii) helping and motivating low-performing team members and teachers, and building a competent and self-improving team; and
- iii) examine the importance of school leadership to the development of guidance and discipline services in school.

Module 2: Case Intervention and Management of Incidents Related to Schools with Skills Practice (12 hours)

1. School-based application of risk assessment and crisis management procedures, including how to handle media;
2. Approaches in working with young people (children and adolescents) experiencing different issues in their social, psychological and behavioral development;
3. Principles and strategies in case management and conducting case conferences related to school incidents, i.e. triad society, shop theft, habitual lateness and truancy, teenage sex, domestic violence, student suicide, self-harm and current issues such as drug abuse, cybersex/cyber addiction, compensated dating, gambling, misleading/distorted/harmful apps etc.; and
4. Legal issues related to guidance and discipline, i.e. the legal responsibility of school, the legal duty of schools to report crime and the management of personal data of schools etc.

Module 3: Intervention and Management of Incidents Related to Child Protection (6 hours)

1. Principles and strategies in case management related to Child Maltreatment, including:
 - i) overview and principles of handling Child Maltreatment cases;
 - ii) identification of suspected Child Maltreatment cases;
 - iii) intervention and support of suspected Child Maltreatment cases;
 - iv) legal issues related to Child Maltreatment; and
 - v) overseas experience on mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse cases.
2. Principles and strategies in case management related to School Bullying, including:
 - i) overview and principles of handling School Bullying;
 - ii) preventive measures to School Bullying, such as developing reporting channel and help-seeking mechanism, in-school anti-bullying education and promotion, etc.;
 - iii) intervention and support of School Bullying cases; and
 - iv) legal issues related to School Bullying.

Module 4: Introduction to Group Work (6 hours)

1. Different theories, methods, professional preparation and the leadership of a group leader in the school context of Hong Kong;
2. Process and dynamics of a group, and the necessary skills and different approaches for applying to group Guidance and Counselling in order to meet the development needs of students.

Module 5: Collaboration with Multi-disciplinary Professionals in and out of School to Provide Integrated Guidance and Discipline Services (12 hours)

1. Collaboration of guidance and discipline teachers with other teachers and of their school's sub-systems and other professionals to provide integrated guidance and discipline services;
2. Collaboration and working with difficult parents;
3. Deploying outside resources of guidance and discipline service; and
4. Development and evaluation of school guidance and discipline work based on needs assessment/ data analysis and record keeping.

Teaching Format

A variety of teaching strategies will be employed to enable participating teachers to achieve the course objectives in an effective way. These include lectures, group discussions, simulation exercises, role plays and skill practice.

Medium of Instruction

Cantonese will be the major medium of instruction, supplemented with English.

Course Schedule and Venue

Dates** (Tentative)	15 March – 12 July 2025 (Mainly on Tuesdays and Saturdays) Module 1: 15, 22, 29 Mar, 5 Apr 2025 Module 2: 8, 29 Apr, 6, 13 May 2025 Module 3: 20, 27 May 2025 Module 4: 5, 12 Jul 2025 Module 5: 7, 14, 21, 28 Jun 2025 (16 sessions)
Time	Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Venue	The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, N.T.

**Exact dates will be announced in the Conditional Offers.

Adverse Weather Conditions

If the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above or the black rainstorm warning signal is issued at the following hours, classes will be suspended as below:

Signals issued by	Sessions/Periods suspended
7:00 a.m.	Morning sessions (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
12:00 noon	Afternoon sessions (2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
5:00 p.m.	Evening sessions (6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.)

If the announcement of “extreme condition” by the Government after super typhoons is issued at 7:00 a.m. or after, all classes will be suspended for the whole day.

If the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above, the black rainstorm warning signal or the announcement of “extreme condition” by the Government after super typhoons is issued during a class period, all classes will be suspended immediately. Students are advised to take shelter at a safe place until the weather and traffic conditions have improved.

Award of Certificate

- Participants are required to attend all sessions. Participants who have attained an attendance of not less than 80%* and completed and obtained the passing grade in the required course work (1 written assignment) will be awarded a Certificate.
- No application for module/lecture exemption will be accepted in this Course.
- CPD hours will only be revealed in Teacher’s Personal Profile in e-Services Portal of EDB upon participant’s successful completion of the course as stated in item 1 of this paragraph.

*** In each module, participants are required to attend not less than three sessions. Modules 3 and 4 are counted jointly.**

Assessment Requirement

Participants are required to complete **ONE written assignment** from Modules 1 to 5.

Please submit a reflective essay of **around 2,000 words** (in either English or Chinese) in **ONE of the assignment topics** selected from **Module 1/ Modules 2 & 3/ Module 4/ Module 5**.

Assignment submission deadline: 26 July 2025

Module 1

Write a reflective essay on the following topic:

As a team leader of guidance and/or discipline service, reflect your ability and leadership style in building a competent team.

What are the challenges involved in being a leader in your school setting and how do you cope with such challenges?

Modules 2 & 3

Write a reflective essay on ONE of the following topics:

- (1) Your experience of handling a student case.
- (2) As a discipline/guidance head, what is the biggest challenge in handling student cases?

Module 4

Reviewing and summarizing your learning from lectures through writing a reflective essay on how to apply groupwork in your school (it may involve the following):

- Reflect on group leading process and activities concerning group work practice, the group dynamics, norms, and cultures of your groups.
- Use of group skills and programmes for promoting students' guidance and discipline in school (in the perspective of school management and leadership).
- Share your personal reflection, ideas, feeling and thoughts learning from the lectures.
- How can these learnings be applied and generalized into school for enriching the Management and Leadership for Heads of Guidance and Discipline Teams?

Module 5

Write a reflective essay on ONE of the following topics:

- (1) 試分析學校曾經處理的一個家長投訴個案。先描述個案的基本情況; 然後分享學校的處理過程; 最後運用課堂所學, 對該個案進行反思。
(可運用的觀念: 學生為本、學校系統、了解家長、老師如何預備自己、可運用的處理技巧、預防措施)
- (2) 試以你學校的情況, 撰寫一份改善訓輔工作的計劃書, 內容包括選擇一項進行改善的範疇, 審視現況, 然後提出改善方案。
(改善的範疇可包括: 個案跟進工作、全年計劃的制定、危機處理、虐兒個案處理、特殊教育的融合教育、處理家長投訴、預防學童自殺.....)
(改善方案可包括: 需求評估/數據分析、通報機制、訓輔內的協調、與不同部組的協調、運用外部資源)

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Module 4

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